

ONE COUNCIL COMBINE MAN TURNS STATE'S EVIDENCE; ARREST OF BRIBE-GIVERS AND BOODLERS TO FOLLOW

HE WAS ARRESTED THIS MORNING



EDMUND BERSCH

MR. FOLK TELLS THE STORY OF J. K. MURRELL'S RETURN

Declares That Post-Dispatch Has Done Great Public Service and Refutes Any Suggestion of Breach of Faith.

"The Post-Dispatch has not only shown remarkable enterprise, but it has rendered a most valuable service to the state," said Circuit Attorney Folk to the Post-Dispatch this morning.

"You are not, then, authority for the charge that the Post-Dispatch broke faith by premature publication of its news, and thereby afforded the guilty men a chance to escape arrest?"

"By no means! There is no truth in such a charge. There has been no breach of faith whatever. You can say that for me most positively. The fact is, I had no right to put any exactions on the Post-Dispatch whatsoever. The story was its property. Your paper brought to me the information that Mrs. Murrell had gone to join her husband. You brought to me your plan to find Murrell in Mexico and induce him to return. I had declined to enter into any arrangement with his friend who called on me, and there were no negotiations in progress."

"I told you I would be glad to have you or anybody else induce him to come in. Your representative went to Mexico and finally found him. I was again appealed to by wire, but I could do nothing, and

I sent a message to the city of Mexico to that effect.

"The Post-Dispatch man returned, and Murrell returned coincidentally. Murrell, through his personal friend, presented to me the letter of argument and inducement by your representative, and I read it carefully and approved of it. This made the story as it had developed up to that time the property of the Post-Dispatch. The paper could have printed it immediately, but it withheld publication to permit of work being done in the interest of justice, which I thoroughly appreciate. I wished yesterday, and I wish now that it were possible to have prevented any publication whatsoever until 6 o'clock last evening, as that would have given us a chance to capture more of the defendants. But the bustle around the Four Courts, the arrest of some of the men—the many evidences of sensational developments—made secrecy impossible, and it was unreasonable to expect any further withholding of publication."

"No, sir, there is no truth in the charge that the Post-Dispatch broke faith. It held for a long time a story which it had the right to print, and it printed it only after the subject was becoming a matter of notoriety."

BOODLE PROSECUTION FUNDS

The return and confession of J. K. Murrell through the Post-Dispatch's efforts have put upon Circuit Attorney Folk the burden of a renewed and greatly enlarged task of exposing the boodle conspiracy and punishing the guilty.

The task is arduous and costly. He must engage in a new series of investigations and prosecutions.

Mr. Folk will need more money than the state places at his disposal. The funds contributed for the earlier prosecutions are about exhausted. To assure complete success he must have additional funds. The people of St. Louis, for whose welfare this work is being done, should see that he does not lack the necessary money.

The Post-Dispatch sends Mr. Folk today a check for \$500 and appeals to all citizens to contribute to the Boodle Prosecution Fund according to their means.

What will you give for the enforcement of the laws, the purification and redemption of St. Louis?

What will you give to punish those guilty of plundering and disgracing St. Louis?

Send your contributions to Circuit Attorney Folk at the Four Courts or to the Post-Dispatch, which will turn over the contributions to Mr. Folk and acknowledge all those whose donors desire public acknowledgment.

FOR TODAY'S SPORTING
EVENTS SEE PAGE 11

Bersch Arrested at His Home—Tamblyn Arrested in Cleveland, Detective Sent for Him—Seven Delegates are Still at Large.

It became known at the Four Courts at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon that a member of the City Council combine of 1890-1900 had made a full confession to Circuit Attorney Folk of the legislative misdeeds of his combine associates.

Only formalities in connection with the securing of evidence remain before the grand jury will be furnished with testimony on which indictments against two well-known men, givers of bribe money, and the entire membership of the Council combine can be based.

The issuance of bench warrants against the combine councilmen is expected to occur at almost any time as the result of the testimony which has been volunteered by one of their own number to the circuit attorney and the grand jury and which has made it necessary to summon Charles Kratz home from Mexico in order to convict his associates in crime.

The ten-year city lighting bill, Council bill No. 44 of the session of 1890-1900, was passed in the Council Oct. 27, 1899, by the following vote:

Ayes—Carroll, Gast, Gaus, Hodges,

Horton, Kratz, Thuner, Wiggins, President Meier.

Nays—Hoffmann, Meysenburg and Schnell.

Absent—Richards.

Nov. 21, 1899, the bill was unfavorably reported to the House by William M. Tamblyn, chairman of the committee on public improvements.

The eight minority members, Burke, Cronin, Hotcamp, Lopez, Parker, Sturdevant, Sweeney and Zachritz, voted for the bill.

November 23 Julius Lehman moved that the vote by which the bill had been killed a week before, be reconsidered. This was passed unanimously.

The bill was then placed on its passage, and received the votes of the 19 members who had voted to kill it a week before. The eight minority members voted for it, making its passage. These 19 formed the combine turned up by Murrell's confession.

Between the meetings of Nov. 21 and Nov. 28, J. K. Murrell says, the compact was made by which the combine received \$17,500, or \$2500 each, for their votes on the bill.

Mr. Folk also expects momentarily the surrender of Charles F. Kelly, who, according to Murrell, handled the \$47,500 paid to himself and his fellow members for passing the lighting bill.

Mr. Folk expects that on his surrender or capture, Kelly will make a full confession, and that his testimony, added to that of J. K. Murrell, will make it possible to convict every man implicated in the deal which compelled the city to pay extortionate

prices for its lights, and caused a two months' period of darkness.

A prominent local politician, alleged to be a boodler, has been named by Murrell to Folk as the man who paid the \$47,500 to Kelly.

Murrell has further said that Kelly knows the man from whom the politician and alleged boodler got the money, and that his knowledge is in a form which can be made convicting testimony.

A prominent citizen of St. Louis will be implicated, Murrell declares, if Kelly will tell what he knows.

These statements of Murrell form the hitherto unpublished part of his confession to Mr. Folk and the grand jury.

Edmund Bersch was captured by the police of the Sixth district at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home on Bissell street.

Chief Deputy Jerry Sheehan received a message at 12:30 o'clock from the Sixth district station, informing him that Bersch was a prisoner at the station, and would be taken to the Four Courts.

Bersch was arrested by Policemen Caudle and Scullin as he was returning to his home at 2523 Bissell street.

ROBERTSON RELEASED.

George F. Robertson, who gave himself up Monday afternoon and expressed to the circuit attorney his willingness to turn state's evidence in the boodle cases, was released on bond Tuesday afternoon.

J. J. McDermott, retired poor packer, signed his bond for \$30,000. Mr. McDermott qualified in the sum of \$150,000.

Robertson was permitted to go in custody of a deputy sheriff after his interview Monday with Mr. Folk. He spent the time intervening looking for a bondsman.

FIVE DELEGATES ARE NOW IN JAIL

IN CIRCUIT ATTORNEY FOLK'S CUSTODY.

John K. Murrell, Ed E. Murrell, George F. Robertson.

IN JAIL.

John H. Schnettler, J. J. Hannigan, Charles Gutke, John Helms, Otto Schumacher.

RELEASED ON BOND.

Harry A. Faulkner, T. Ed Albright.

NOT APPREHENDED.

Emile Hartmann, Charles F. Kelly, Louis Decker, John A. Sheridan, Julius Lehman.

OUT OF THE CITY.

William M. Tamblyn, arrested in Cleveland, O.

Adolph Madera, in Colorado.

All morning Judge Douglas' courtroom was a passing show. It was a kinesiographic picture of the nervous anxiety of members of the combine and the watchful, eager expectation of their friends and a lot of people who never saw them before. They telephoned and sent messages without number, but the name of the combine was not mentioned. There was a shifting crowd, endless confabs, and a general uneasiness in the air. The entrance was choked with persons who had no special interest in the matter at hand except an overpowering curiosity and the coming and goings of those who were in the hands of the law were spied upon with the most eager gaze possible. The spectators seemed to be looking for

an explosion of some kind. The courtroom was chill and disagreeable, and men passed up and down chafing their hands or plunging them in their trousers' pockets.

JUDGE DOUGLAS APPEARED.

At 11 o'clock Judge Douglas appeared on the bench and asked if there were any bonds to be passed on. Attorney John A. Gernes, representing several of the alleged combine, stated that bondsmen for several were expected, and the court then announced that a temporary recess would be taken until the bonds were presented for its consideration.

Prisoners Hannigan and Schumacher conferred together most of the time. Gutke and out of the courtroom in an apparent search for somebody who was willing to back him for \$30,000. At the sound of the opening door all would cast their eyes in that direction. They were looking for bondsmen, inwardly and silently praying for them.

GAIETY WAS GONE.

The gaiety which had played upon their features when in the city's legislative hall was conspicuous by its absence. The realization that it was extremely difficult to find men willing to jeopardize a small fortune on the hope of securing a large one, and that the state wanted him, was a bitter blow to the pride of the combine.

They were no longer the same men. The light of assurance was gone from their faces. They would doubtless declare that they had friends who believe and trust in them, but there was not one whose constituents evidenced his friendship or regard to the extent of \$30,000. They telephoned and sent messages without number, but the name of the combine was not mentioned. There was a shifting crowd, endless confabs, and a general uneasiness in the air. The entrance was choked with persons who had no special interest in the matter at hand except an overpowering curiosity and the coming and goings of those who were in the hands of the law were spied upon with the most eager gaze possible. The spectators seemed to be looking for

challantly, kept his hands in his pockets, and remained but a few moments.

Harry Faulkner and ex-Gov. Charles P. Johnson, his attorney, entered the courtroom and went quietly to Mr. Maoney's office. The latter was the cynosure of all eyes and approached by members who sought information. He was there in Faulkner's interests.

George F. Robertson, the combine member, who turned state's evidence Monday afternoon, strolled through the courtroom. He attracted but little attention, every day being intent upon watching developments in the cases of those who are under arrest and are to be furnished bonds.

At exactly 12 o'clock noon Sheriff Dickmann and several deputies approached the floor of the witness room. It was opened and without a word being said the five prisoners stepped out, marched down the south aisle of the courtroom and disappeared through the west door.

The crowd in the courtroom arose en masse and, craning their necks, gazed their eyes on the passing ex-legislators as they filed slowly toward the city's bastille. There was not a sound except the tread of feet as the parade marched by, and then the spectators followed slowly as the quiet descend the stairs and were swallowed up in the assemblage of criminals in the city jail.

John H. Schnettler was the first of the boodlers to pass through the jail door. He was followed immediately by John Helms, J. J. Hannigan, Otto Schumacher and Charles A. Gutke, in the order named. The prisoners were accompanied by a deputy sheriff, who walked alongside.

The prisoners were arrested Monday and were permitted to go to their homes or to hotels to spend the night under guard of police.

Guard McMillen searched each prisoner. The men had bankbooks, gold watches and other property. Chief Guard Harding put each man's property into an envelope and sealed it away.

He questioned each prisoner as to his name, age, occupation, etc. Then to the cells.

Schnettler was placed alone in cell No. 21.

Hannigan and Schumacher were locked in No. 22.

Helms and Gutke are cellmates in No. 23. Just before entering the jail Schnettler took a roll of bills from his pocket, which he handed to Deputy Hardnacke.

"Take this to my family," he said.

WAS DELEGATE KELLY "TIPPED OFF?"

Although two deputy sheriffs have been searching for him continuously, Delegate Charles F. Kelly of the Twentieth ward, former speaker of the House, seems to have disappeared.

That he is still in St. Louis, however, and within a short distance of friends is believed.

He telephoned to the Four Courts late Monday afternoon, and stated to the sheriff that it would not be necessary to hunt for him, that he intended to appear and give bond Tuesday morning.

Kelly is temporarily free by the grace of Chief Deputy Jeremiah Sheehan.

According to Mr. Folk's instructions, the delegates wanted were to have been kept at the Four Courts when they answered the grand jury summons to go there.

Delegate Kelly was on the second floor of the building, making some casual inquiry about his case, and chatting with Delegate Faulkner and a few friends when Chief

Deputy Sheehan approached and handed him a subpoena.

Kelly took it and put in his pocket.

"You are to go up right away," said Sheehan.

"Well, I have some business to attend to over at the City Hall," replied Kelly, "but it won't take me long, and I will be back in a few minutes."

"Can I reach you by telephone?" he asked.

"Yes," said Kelly, "if you need me just call up the House of Delegates."

"All right," said Sheehan, and Kelly, accompanied by Faulkner, departed.

Inquiry at the House of Delegates chamber a few minutes later developed that Delegate Kelly had been there, and was trying to reach Delegate Burke of the Sixteenth ward of the city, who was expected to be at the House of Delegates.

He did not succeed, and then left hurriedly.

TENDER FOLK THEIR GOOD WILL

Two Prosperous Farmers of County Where Butler Is to Be Tried Assure Him of Their Support.

Two prosperous farmers from Boone County, where Ed Butler is to be tried this fall on the charge of attempted bribery,

That was the last seen of him around his usual haunts.

At his printing office on Third street the information was offered that Mr. Kelly was not there, and nothing was known of his present whereabouts.

Deputy sheriffs made several attempts to locate him Monday night, but without success.

One kept an all-night vigil near his home, 1815 Elliot avenue, but the much-wanted delegate did not show up.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Kelly stated to the Post-Dispatch that she had not seen her husband since the day previous, and was unable to say where he is at the present time.

An intimate friend of Mr. Kelly's declared that he had not, and would not, leave the city, but was now making a diligent endeavor to find a bondsman.

At last he had gotten the necessary surety he would surrender himself.

purpose to see you and shake your hand, Mr. Folk," said Wiseman to the circuit attorney.

"We feel that the work you are doing is only for this city, but that it is for the whole state as well, and as our country has been selected for one of your most important cases, we wish to tell you that the people there are with you."

Mr. Folk made an appreciative response to the contradictions of his two visitors, and the men left for Union Station to take the train for Columbia, the court seat of Boone County.

HE DISTRIBUTED THE \$47,500 FUND FOR THE LIGHTING BILL



CHARLES F. KELLY.

THE OATH OF THE HOUSE COMBINE

(This oath was administered to each of the 19 members of the combine whose identity was disclosed by J. K. Murrell yesterday. A copy of the oath has been given to the grand jury and to Circuit Attorney Folk.)

"I do solemnly swear before the Almighty God that in associating myself and in becoming a member of this combine I will vote and act with the combine whenever and wherever I may be so ordered to do;

"And I further solemnly swear that I will not, at any place or time, reveal the fact that there is a combine, and that I will not communicate to any person or persons anything that may take place at any meeting of the combine;

"And I do solemnly agree that, in case I should reveal the fact that any person in this combine has received money, I hereby permit and authorize other members of this combine to take the forfeit of my life in such manner as they may deem proper, and that my throat may be cut, my tongue torn out and my body cast into the Mississippi river;

"And all of this I do solemnly swear, so help me God."

Boodle Delegates' Oath Modeled After the Nihilists and Anarchists Pledges, Kept for Years.

"The Thieves' Oath" is what the boodlers themselves, in moments of levity, have called the remarkable obligation which each member of the 1890-99 House of Delegates combine took upon himself when he entered this secret order: for the propagation of bribery.

The oath, published today by the Post-Dispatch, has been revealed by a member of the combine, and its startling language shows how determined and how desperate was the gang which conceived it, and for several years lived up to its blood-curdling requirements.

Now, John K. Murrell, Edward E. Murrell and George F. Robertson, three of the men who took the oath, have seen fit in the light of time and events to turn state's evidence, thereby ignoring the obligation which they took for the chiding of criminals, and the oath intended only for the 19 boodlers, is a matter of public curiosity.

REGARDED SOLEMNLY AT FIRST.

At first, it is said by a combine member, all the boodlers regarded this oath as a very solemn thing. That Almighty God was called upon to witness and record the oath was not considered incongruous by these serious-minded urban brigands.

But prosperity altered the fact of things. The world began to look different to the combine after they had received the \$250,000 hand-out all around from the lighting bill.

At Julius Lehman's "birthday party," Lehman, who whistles like a bird,

whistled his merriest upon that occasion and the boodlers grew light-hearted. Their pockets were heavy with the "wad." They were suddenly prosperous. They could smoke the best cigars on the market, and as many of them as they cared for, without a word of reproach from the home circles for wastefulness; and they could drink the reddest of reds in like impunity. They had the "stuff," see.

They felt that with such opportunities as were furnished them every meeting night for the acquisition of money by merely selling their little votes they could do anything they cared to do.

JOKED ABOUT THE OATH.

The combine delegates got gay. From keeping close-shut mouths on the oath, even among themselves, they got to joking about it. One member would meet another in a saloon and give him a "jolly" anent "the thieves' oath." To these prosperous gentlemen the oath had become a mere joke.

Still they kept the oath itself to themselves, however much they joked over it when two or three of them were met together in a grogshop or elsewhere. The oath was only one feature of a regular ritual which this secret order created for its internal government. There were signs and passwords, the "password" was such as exist in legitimate secret orders.

SIGNS AND PASSWORDS USED.

It is presumed that these signs were used by the boodlers in coaching each other, or as to how votes were to be cast, or when to introduce a motion or rise to a point of order, etc. Just as a pitcher and a catcher in a baseball game indicate by signs what they are going to do or what is desired.

THE CATARRH OF SUMMER

Two Letters From Thankful Women Who Were Cured of Catarrh of the Stomach by Pe-ru-na.

MISS EMILY LYON, 215 Richmond street, London, Ontario, writes: "I am pleased to inform you that I am entirely cured of catarrh of the stomach by the persistent use of Pe-ru-na. I suffered everything and took everything both from physicians and proprietary medicines, but got no relief until I tried Pe-ru-na, and it will always be with the loudest praise that I recommend this wonderful remedy Pe-ru-na."—Miss Emily Lyon.

Catarrh of the stomach is usually called dyspepsia. Catarrh of the stomach cannot be cured by peppermint powder or any other temporary relief. The only cure for real dyspepsia is a removal of the catarrh from the mucous membrane of the stomach. This Pe-ru-na will do. This Pe-ru-na has done thousands and thousands of times.

Congressman Bodkin of Kansas was cured of catarrh of the stomach of many years' standing. Hundreds of other cases have been reported to us through unsolicited testimonials. Pe-ru-na is the only internal systemic remedy for catarrh yet devised. Every one afflicted with catarrh in the slightest degree ought to take a course of Pe-ru-na.

Mrs. Nancy Ogden, Armet, Frederick County, Va., writes: "If anyone had told me that Pe-ru-na would cure the heart-burn and sour stomach as long as I have had it, I could not have believed it, but it has after so many years standing."

"I have had it for thirty-five years. Have doctored with everything that I have heard of, and have tried some of the best doctors, but all did no good."

"They would say I had stomach trouble and that they could not cure it. I will always praise Pe-ru-na. If anyone wishes to write to me I will be glad to answer them."

Mrs. Nancy Ogden. "If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Pe-ru-na write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis."

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.



MISS EMILY LYON.

THIS GIRL COULD KEEP A SECRET

MISS HELEN LEIGHTON HAD BEEN MRS. RUTLEDGE SINCE DEC. 27.

WERE MARRIED AT ST. CHARLES

The Young Couple Augmented Their Own Christmas Cheer by Their Wedding. Since Unsupervised.

Another woman's name has been added to the list of those who have proven their ability to keep a secret.

Miss Helen Leighton of 3245 McPherson avenue is the one who has gained this distinction by keeping the secret of her marriage to Mr. Robert Rutledge, which took place Dec. 27.

Miss Leighton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Leighton, and Mr. Rutledge is the son of Robert Rutledge of 412 Morgan street.

The youth of the young people was the only objection raised to their marriage. This, in a manner, was removed, to their minds, last fall of Miss Leighton's younger sister, Miss Edna Leighton, and Oscar Condon the well-known comedian.

During the Christmas holidays they decided that their marriage was a fitting ending to the raucous of the season, so a journey was made to St. Charles where the knot was tied by the Rev. Dr. Day.

On their return to the city each returned home, and for the past ten months has closely kept the secret.

Mr. Rutledge has been a constant visitor at the Leighton home, where, by the way, the young couple are now living, for the last five years.

Giving Him a Hint.

From *Stray Notes*. "Mr. Rutledge, you like to have an increase in your salary?" "Well, let me tell you then, that unless you get down here earlier and work a great deal harder you'll never get it in this world."

SHEIFF DICKMAN WAS "THEATRICAL"

Four Courts officials are disgusted with what they term the theatrical methods of Sheriff Joseph P. Dickman in arranging to serve the bench warrants on the indicted members of the late House of Delegates Monday.

They say he marched his 15 deputies from the courthouse to the Four Courts Monday morning like a military officer would march his soldiers on parade.

They paraded two abreast with the portly form of the Democratic sheriff at their head, and attracted considerable attention en route.

He had been ordered to bring the deputies to the Four Courts and conceal them in a room so that no attention would be attracted to their movements. This portion of the plan the sheriff carried out.

"But what was the good of hiding them in a room?" said a Four Courts official Tuesday. "If they had been paraded through the streets before being placed in the room?"

It is known that some of the men indicted were "tipped off" that they were wanted before the deputy sheriffs reached them, and some of the Four Courts officials express the opinion that possibly the parade of the deputies through the streets occasioned the leak.

Sheriff Dickman said the Post-Dispatch Tuesday morning that he did not receive the warrants for the 18 members of the late House until 11:45 o'clock Monday morning.

"At 11 o'clock Monday morning the news of the indictments was published. That gave me the chance to have a chance to hide before the deputies reached them."

"But we got nine of them during the afternoon and we will get all the others today. I feel sure, except Tamblin and Madera."

"Tamblin is in Cincinnati and Madera is in Colorado."

"If Mr. Folk will bear the expense I will send a deputy after both men."

"Last night I had a man watching the residences of each of the seven, and I was up myself the greater part of the night."

"None of them like to lie in jail, and I believe that their hiding is simply due to their desire to arrange for bonds before coming in."

"I received a message from one of them this morning that he would come in at 11 o'clock with his bondsman. I will not say who he is in advance."

"I don't think any of them will try to leave town. They are nearly all poor men."

"Then where would they go, if they did leave town? They wouldn't go to Mexico after hearing of the experiences of Murrell down there. And if they went to Canada, I could get them. I saw a Chicago detective take men out of Canada without any trouble a few months ago. Not even requisition papers are needed to get them back from there."

"They went to the House of Delegates, and, after using the telephone for a few minutes, left the building."

Faulkner was found in his office by a deputy sheriff a few hours later, but Kelly was not located during Monday afternoon or night.

Sheriff Dickman said Tuesday morning that he had a deputy at Kelly's house Monday night, but that he did not return to his home. "Birthday party" was held, at which, says J. K. Murrell, the \$7,500 paid to the combine for their votes on the fighting bill was distributed by "Business Agent" Kelly to his 18 compatriots who had raised the measure.

There was no air of festivity about the house Tuesday morning. The old-fashioned green shutters were tightly drawn, the windows were closed as tightly as in mid-winter, and the only living creature to be seen was a small dog, which crouched on the back porch too much depressed to bark.

He was his tail as visitors walked about the house.

Policeman Halloran had kept an all-night vigil on the sidewalk in front. "If there's anybody in that house, they're keeping mighty quiet," he declared.

"I don't think Lehmann has skipped," said Al Gundlach, proprietor of the mill. "He is out looking for a bondsman, and it's not very easy to find a \$30,000 bondsman off-hand."

Lehmann still owns the planing mill building, but has disposed of the machinery, and the men in charge say seldom visits the place.

A neighbor who knows Lehmann well declared that he had not disappeared for good, and would surrender himself as soon as he found a new bondsman.

"Julius isn't the sort that skips out," he said. "I'd much sooner think that Ed."

Edmund Berch, Julius Lehmann and Charles F. Kelly, Louis Decker, Adolph Madera, "Kid" Sheridan, Charles J. Denny and Louis Decker were watched by policemen all night, and their watchers were relieved Tuesday morning by other policemen and deputy sheriffs.

Chief Kelly has offered to place the entire police force, if needed, at the disposal of the circuit attorney in aid of the deputy sheriffs. The places of egress from the city have been guarded, and bridges, stations, ferries and street car terminals are being closely watched.

About Kelly and Lehmann, who are now under heavy bonds, Kelly in a pending trial and Lehmann on an appeal, the police feel less solicitude. They express the belief that these two are simply trying to find bondsmen.

Locked doors, bolted screens and drawn curtains confronted callers at the homes of Former Delegates Julius Lehmann and Edmund Berch Tuesday morning.

Policemen paced the walks in front of the silent and apparently empty homes. All night the watch had been kept up, and at neither place had the watchers been rewarded by the sight of the indicted men or any of the members of their families.

The Berch home, at 2023 Russell street, is the handsomest of the dwellings of the neighborhood. It is a double house, and the entrance to the Berch home is at the east door. In the twenty-first street side of the house another family resides.

The house is a three-story cream brick, and looks like a mansion among the small frame and red brick homes surrounding it. Lace curtains are at the windows.

The curtains barred sight into the house as the door stopped entrance. The doorbell was rung in vain.

"I haven't seen Mr. Berch for several days," said a handsomely-dressed woman who answered the bell at No. 2023. "I haven't seen the family since early yesterday afternoon, but they may have been here since that, for all I know. I don't see much of them as a rule."

"I was told that Ed Berch was around neighborhood as late as 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon," said a neighbor residing there, "but I didn't see him."

Sixth district policemen, Marcella Teniente and Courtney, the first in clothes, paced the granite front of the house and the Twenty-first street.

him with the grand jury subpoena and he said he would appear."

Four Courts officials interested in the prosecution of the case think that Mr. Dickman, knowing that a warrant for Kelly was forthcoming, should have watched him and not allowed him to escape.

"I will have a dozen or more men out this morning searching for the missing seven."

Four Courts officials have other complaints to make of the sheriff's action beside his military street parade when secrecy was desired.

They take exception to the "distinguished consideration" he showed the indicted men, who were unable to furnish bond, in sending them to their homes under guard. Those officials say they should have been jailed like any other captive would have been.

Sheriff Dickman stated, at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, that he expected the seven indicted men to show up at the court the night at home under guard, to be back in court at 10 o'clock.

When asked if he would let them return to their homes again Tuesday night in case they failed to furnish bond, he evaded a direct reply.

He said he would have a more complete statement to make Tuesday afternoon.

Particular disappointment is felt by certain Four Courts officials over Sheriff Dickman's failure to corral Delegate Charles F. Kelly. Kelly was at the sheriff's office in the Four Courts at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. There he was served with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury. He said he had some business to attend to at the House of Delegates, but would return to the Four Courts in response to the subpoena as soon as it was issued.

THE SEARCH FOR THE FUGITIVES

The search for the eight indicted men who have thus far eluded the police and deputy sheriffs became the principal business of both classes of officers Tuesday morning, after the night had passed without the capture of any of the men sought.

The homes and accustomed haunts of Edmund Berch, Julius Lehmann, Charles F. Kelly, Louis Decker, Adolph Madera, "Kid" Sheridan, Charles J. Denny and Louis Decker were watched by policemen all night, and their watchers were relieved Tuesday morning by other policemen and deputy sheriffs.

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"I haven't seen Mr. Berch for several days," said a handsomely-dressed woman who answered the bell at No. 2023. "I haven't seen the family since early yesterday afternoon, but they may have been here since that, for all I know. I don't see much of them as a rule."

"I was told that Ed Berch was around neighborhood as late as 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon," said a neighbor residing there, "but I didn't see him."

Sixth district policemen, Marcella Teniente and Courtney, the first in clothes, paced the granite front of the house and the Twenty-first street.

"We haven't seen a sign of Berch or any one in the house all night," declared Maderbach. "Once we heard the telephone bell in the house ring, but we listened and could hear no one answering. I don't believe anyone is in the house."

The Lehmann home is a large, but plain, frame house, painted white, at 3817 North Twenty-third street. Here it is that the famous "birthday party" was held, at which, says J. K. Murrell, the \$7,500 paid to the combine for their votes on the fighting bill was distributed by "Business Agent" Kelly to his 18 compatriots who had raised the measure.

There was no air of festivity about the house Tuesday morning. The old-fashioned green shutters were tightly drawn, the windows were closed as tightly as in mid-winter, and the only living creature to be seen was a small dog, which crouched on the back porch too much depressed to bark.

He was his tail as visitors walked about the house.

Policeman Halloran had kept an all-night vigil on the sidewalk in front. "If there's anybody in that house, they're keeping mighty quiet," he declared.

"I don't think Lehmann has skipped," said Al Gundlach, proprietor of the mill. "He is out looking for a bondsman, and it's not very easy to find a \$30,000 bondsman off-hand."

Lehmann still owns the planing mill building, but has disposed of the machinery, and the men in charge say seldom visits the place.

A neighbor who knows Lehmann well declared that he had not disappeared for good, and would surrender himself as soon as he found a new bondsman.

"Julius isn't the sort that skips out," he said. "I'd much sooner think that Ed."

Edmund Berch, Julius Lehmann and Charles F. Kelly, Louis Decker, Adolph Madera, "Kid" Sheridan, Charles J. Denny and Louis Decker were watched by policemen all night, and their watchers were relieved Tuesday morning by other policemen and deputy sheriffs.

Chief Kelly has offered to place the entire police force, if needed, at the disposal of the circuit attorney in aid of the deputy sheriffs. The places of egress from the city have been guarded, and bridges, stations, ferries and street car terminals are being closely watched.

About Kelly and Lehmann, who are now under heavy bonds, Kelly in a pending trial and Lehmann on an appeal, the police feel less solicitude. They express the belief that these two are simply trying to find bondsmen.

Locked doors, bolted screens and drawn curtains confronted callers at the homes of Former Delegates Julius Lehmann and Edmund Berch Tuesday morning.

Policemen paced the walks in front of the silent and apparently empty homes. All night the watch had been kept up, and at neither place had the watchers been rewarded by the sight of the indicted men or any of the members of their families.

The Berch home, at 2023 Russell street, is the handsomest of the dwellings of the neighborhood. It is a double house, and the entrance to the Berch home is at the east door. In the twenty-first street side of the house another family resides.

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Berch had down the coop. He's naturally a very nervous man. But Julius stuck here after he was indicted and convicted before, and he means to stay it out. Besides, Julius would have a hard time getting away. He's one of the best-known men in the city, and his looks and style of speech are such that he could never disguise himself so as to fool anyone who had ever seen and talked with him."

Lehmann is now under a heavy bond on his appeal to the Supreme Court from his conviction for perjury.

HARTMANN NOT HOME LAST NIGHT.

Former Delegate Emil Hartmann stayed away from home Monday night. Policemen Maher, Butler and Coleman took turns in watching his place of residence at 208 St. George street, but Hartmann did not return.

Officers are still detailed to watch the house, in the hope of obtaining some clue to the whereabouts of this member of the marked 18.

Hartmann occupies an upstairs tenement flat. To enter his home one must pass through the narrow space between two buildings and ascend the stairs at the rear.

The only entrance to the flat is through the kitchen, from the back porch.

Early Tuesday morning the only occupants of the tenement were Hartmann's 10-year-old son, Emil, and his little daughter.

The boy said his father had not been at home during the night.

DECKER'S FIRST NIGHT AWAY FROM HOME.

Former Delegate Louis Decker remained away from home Monday night, Mrs. Decker says, for the first time since his marriage, except on nights when he is out after elections, when ballots are being counted.

Continual pressure on the bell-button at Decker's home, 525 Pennsylvania avenue, failed to elicit a response Tuesday morning. In the backyard a small child was seen playing. Two other children were in the kitchen.

"Is your father at home?" the children were asked.

"No," replied one, "but my mamma is."

The child was requested to call Mrs. Decker. She came downstairs looking pale and careworn. She said her husband had not been home since Monday morning, and that she had received no message from him, and had not the slightest idea as to his whereabouts.

"New since our marriage," said Mrs. Decker.

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Great reductions in last season's patterns. See the bargains we offer this week.

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We have the largest rug room in the world. Prices the lowest. See our great collection.

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Irish Point Lace Curtains (Newest things) \$5.00, \$7.50, \$12.50 per pair
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Nottingham Lace Curtains (Copies of real goods) \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 per pair

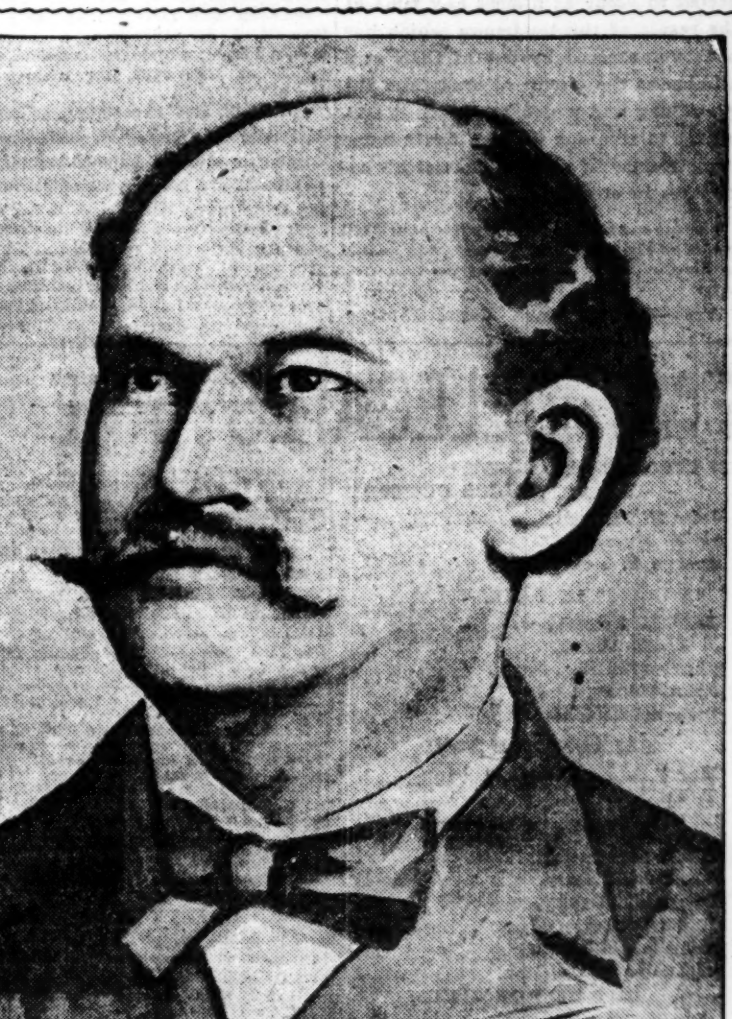
Left from Last Week's Weeding Out Sale.

Odd pairs and 2-pair lots of Lace Curtains. About Half Price
Old Portieres, formerly \$8.00 and \$12.50. Now \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50 per pair
Oriental Couch Covers, formerly \$7.50. Now \$5.00 each
Also, Remnants of Tapestry, Cretonne, Furlin, Muslin, Golden Drapery, etc., etc., at Very Low Prices.

BRASS AND IRON BEDS

New Designs, Extra Values. Felt Mattresses—\$8.00, \$12.50, \$15.00

HE IS EAGER TO COME BACK



WILLIAM TAMBLYN.

Tamblin Who Was Arrested in Cleveland Begg Him to Send for Him.

Former Delegate W. M. Tamblin is under arrest in Cleveland, O.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday morning Chief of Police Kelly was called to the long-distance telephone by Tamblin. The latter informed the police that he has been arrested and desires to return to St. Louis at once.

He requested that an officer be sent after him with as little delay as possible.

Chief Kelly immediately went into consultation with Circuit Attorney Folk over the matter.

When the warrant for Tamblin, as one of the 18 men implicated by John K. Murrell confession, was made out Monday, Chief Kelly at once wired the police authorities at Cleveland, where Tamblin now resides, to arrest the former delegate.

The Cleveland police did the work promptly before Tamblin read the newspaper reports.

Detective George Kelly departed Tuesday at noon for Cleveland to bring Tamblin back to St. Louis. He expects to return Wednesday with his prisoner.

Decker, "has he remained away over night, except when he was watching the count of election votes. Yesterday morning he went as usual to his place of business, the livery stable of Decker & Sharkey, at 410 North Twelfth street.

"As he left the house he remarked that he might not be home for supper. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon I read the newspapers and was amazed to find that my husband's name was mentioned in the story told by Mr. Sheridan. I never heard of the slightest thing about his connection with anything like that. It was a total surprise to me."

"I telephoned to the stable, asking if Mr. Decker would be home to supper. Some one else answered the telephone, saying that Mr. Decker and Mr. Sharkey had gone out together. They did not know where he was."

"About 6:30 o'clock I again called up the stable, and was told that Mr. Decker was not in and they had not seen him since he went out with his partner."

"I have received no message at all from him, and have no idea where he can be."

Deputy Sheriff Carroll, who was sent to arrest Decker at the livery stable Monday afternoon, called at the residence during the night.

The Decker home is the finest in the neighborhood. It shows every evidence of prosperity. The lawn is beautifully kept, flowers and shrubs growing along the walks.

Births Recorded.

E. and M. Friedman, 2014 Ohio; boy.
W. and M. Roderick, 832 N. King's highway; girl.
F. and E. Kaach, 353 Manchester; boy.
J. and M. Under, 1227 Wright; boy.
C. and B. Reese, 324 S. 2d; girl.
H. and H. Forthman, 1514 Polar; boy.
G. and A. Davis, 4513 Manchester; girl.
G. and E. Feldman, 1441 Dettler; boy.
R. and E. Verlich, 2212 Madison; boy.

Burial Permits.

J. Van Kester, 9 hours, 4569 Maryland; premature infant of A. and Z. McCourtney, 13 hours, 11474 Walton.
Infant of R. P. O'Connor, 30, 2716 Madison; tuberculosis.
R. P. O'Connor, 3 months, 1266 N. 18th; marasmus.
M. Fitzgerald, 1, 1440 N. 14th; marasmus.
T. Walsh, 1, 1416 N. 7th; marasmus.
R. Lauffer, 2, 2237 Warren; typhoid fever.
A. Muldering, 18, 1117 N. 24th; phthisis.
R. Albrecht, 4, 1440 Mulberry; cerebral.
M. McDonald, 62, 810 Christian; dentitis.
St. John, 52, 811 Christian; phthisis.
H. Behring, 36, 2313 S. Broadway; phthisis.
A. Mohling, 77.
J. Ducas, 52, 2243 Warren; typhoid fever.
M. Gough, 54, 3309 S. 18th; phthisis.
S. A. Morse, 50, 4530 McMillan; heart disease.

E. W. Groves.

This name must appear on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, the remedy that cures a cold in one day. 25 cents.

Applied for an Incorporation.

St. Kazimir's Lithuanian Society of Fraternal Help filed an application with the Circuit Court Tuesday for a pro forma decree of incorporation. The organization exists for the purpose of mutual aid and the payments of sick and death benefits. The officers are: Simon Wencius, president; Juozas Tamamalas, financial secretary; Alexander Milwed, recording secretary; and August Stilmokawicius, treasurer.

Death of B. F. Moore.

SALISBURY, Mo., Sept. 8.—B. F. Moore, aged 70 years, ex-administrator of Charles E. Tonten, died last night after a long illness. Funeral services at Christian Church in Salisbury Wednesday afternoon.

Too Many to Forget.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "What I don't like about this tennis case is that when a man has it he even forgets his wife. I dunno about that. Henry VII played it, you know."

Duff Henneman

PROSECUTING WIFE HUNG IN COURT

HAD JUST TESTIFIED AGAINST
HER HUSBAND.

REVIVED BY DEPUTY MARSHAL

Judge Tracy Stayed Her Husband's
Fine When She Interceded
for Him.

Mrs. Herman Wike of 2154 Clifton place fainting in the Dayton Street Police Court Tuesday morning just after she had prosecuted her husband for disturbing her peace. She was revived by Deputy Marshal McAniff and Flannery.

Wike was fined \$25 by Judge Tracy. The fine was stayed "on good behavior."

Mrs. Wike testified that her husband created a disturbance at their home Saturday. She said that he abused her and inflicted bodily injuries. She was excited while on the witness stand, and after she left the chair and took a seat in the courtroom she fainted. Deputy Marshal McAniff dashed water in her face, and after she was revived she was escorted to the marshal's office.

Mrs. Wike did not want to have her husband punished, and interceded for him. Judge Tracy stayed the fine.

AGAINST YOUTHS PLAYING POOL

Attorney Johnson Issues Warrant for
Poolroom Proprietor Under an
Old Law.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Johnson has found that there is an old law in effect which prohibits billiards and poolroom proprietors from allowing minors to learn to play pool in their places or to play in them after learning.

Accordingly he today issued a warrant for Frank Roberts of 2700 Morgan street, who is charged by Mrs. Mary Schaefer, 2628 Morgan street and Mrs. Mattie Brown, 2707 Morgan street, with allowing their sons, under 17 years of age, to play pool in his place.

The alleged that the habits and morals of the boys are suffering as a result.

PORT OF GONAIVES CLOSED.

Provisional Government Decides Foreign Ships Shall Not Be Admitted.

HAMBURG, Sept. 9.—According to information received from the Provisional Government here, the provisional government of Haiti has closed the port of Gonaives, Saint-Marc and de Port-au-Prince, in consequence of disturbances on the island.

The Provisional president, Boleslaw Canal, has issued instructions that bills of lading, manifests and other papers for ships be not issued for the present.

LIGHTING SCANDAL LEFT CITY IN DARKNESS 60 DAYS

Combine in the House of Delegates of 1899-1900
Held St. Louis at Its Mercy—Gang Mem-
bers Got \$47,500 for Their Votes.

The purpose of the combine was to control legislation and sell legislation for the benefit of the members of the combine. Shortly before the Suburban bill the combine sold their votes on the lighting bills for \$47,500. This money was handled by Kelly and was paid to the members of the combine at a meeting arranged for that purpose at Julius Lehmann's house. Each member of the combine received \$2500. I was present and saw the money paid to the various parties.—From J. K. Murrell's confession.

The men who made up the combine at the 1899-1900 session of the House of Delegates, for all of whom warrants have been issued, held St. Louis at their mercy for a period of 60 days, during which time various sections of the city were in absolute darkness, because of their failure, coupled with a positive refusal, to pass the temporary lighting bill.

The city institutions, including the City Hospital, Poorhouse, City Dispensary, Female Hospital and City Jail, were without electric or gas illumination, and coal oil lamps and candles were pressed into service. The exception to this deplorable condition was the Insane Asylum.

Dr. Edward C. Runge, unwilling to incur the risk and responsibility of lighting his institution in such a dangerous way, put up his out of his own pocket to reduce the continuance of electric lighting during a week.

REFUSED TEMPORARY BILLS.

On Nov. 10, 1899, the Board of Public Improvements submitted three ordinances to the House of Delegates authorizing the latter body to enter into temporary contracts for the lighting of the city until permanent contracts became operative.

One of the bills provided for the lighting of the greater part of the city until Sept. 1, 1900, upon which date it was expected the new permanent contract would go into effect.

Another bill provided for the lighting of city buildings and institutions approximately for 30 months.

The third bill authorized the Board of Public Improvements to make a temporary contract for the lighting of certain streets and parks not included in the other bills.

This proposed legislation, of imperative and immediate importance, was referred by Speaker Edward B. Murrell (brother of J. K. Murrell), to the public improvements committee composed of:

Adolph Mader.

George F. Robertson.

Julius Lehmann.

J. K. Murrell.

The committee and their colleagues in the House knew the city institutions and many streets and alleys would be in total darkness after Jan. 1, 1900, unless these bills received prompt consideration.

Yet no action was taken after reference to committee, and the Christmas adjournment, just as if no emergency existed.

UNPRECEDENTED INDIFFERENCE.

The lighting situation presented a spectacle of unparalleled indifference on the part of the Municipal Assembly.

Nearly 20 bills had been submitted by the public improvements board between Jan. 17, 1899, and July 1, 1899, in which later date one was passed, authorizing the making of a temporary contract.

BILL AFTER BILL KILLED.

Lighting bill after lighting bill, presented by the Board of Public Improvements, was killed by the House of Delegates.

KRATZ IS CRYING TO COME IN

He is crying to come in, but the House of Delegates is crying to keep him out.

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NUGENT'S BASEMENT BARGAINS

These phenomenal bargains will be on sale
at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Linens For All

Opportunities for the economical wife, house-keeper, hotel, restaurant and boarding-house keepers.

Tomorrow in our basement you can buy

Unbleached Bath Towels—good liberal sized ones that are worth 75 cents, for 50 each

Soft finished Huck Towels with red or blue borders—large sized ones—worth 12½ cents, for 8½ each

Mammoth Size Cream Bath Towels—made of extra heavy double yarn, that would be cheap at 25 cents, for 10 each

Brown and Bleached Crashes, Huck and Glass Toweling worth up to 8½ a yard, in roller towel lengths, at 50 a yard

All Linen Barnesley Roller Toweling, red border; worth 12½ a yard, at 9 cents

Heavy Cream Table Damask, 56 inches wide, worth 30c a yard, at 19 cents

Full Bleached Damask in floral patterns, worth 50c a yard, at 32½ cents

All linen Cream Lunch Cloths (size 56x58 inches), border all around, worth 85c each, for 59 cents

195 Pieces of New Flannel

(In Basement.)

75 pieces of Fancy Flannelette, medium and light colors—worth 10c a yard, for 5 cents

50 pieces of Gray Skirting—Domet Flannel, for 6c a yard

50 pieces of Striped and Checked Eiderdown—worth 15c a yard, for 7 cents

20 pieces of Cream White Baby Flannel—a 25-cent quality, at 15 cents

Corset Bargains

(In Basement.)

The celebrated R. & G. Corset. A small lot in broken sizes, low bust and short hip—lace trimmed top and bottom—Regular \$1.00 Corsets for 25 cents

And to close out all Summer weight Corsets we will sell tomorrow, 25-cent Corsets for 10 cents, 50-cent ones for 25 cents

The Delineator

For October—Just Received

Hosiery

(In Basement.)

Women's Fast Black Cotton Hose, seamless—spliced heel and toe—the 10 cent kind, for 5 cents

Women's Fast Black Cotton Hose with Maco feet, high spliced heels, fine combed Egyptian yarn—19-cent quality, for 10 cents

Children's 1½ rib fast black Cotton Hose, extra spliced heel and toe, double knees—worth 10 cents, for 5 cents

Boys' heavy 2x2 ribbed, fast black Cotton Hose—good quality lisle finish, with double knees—just the things for school wear—17-cent ones, for 10 cents

Men's Fast Black Cotton Hose, seamless, medium weight lisle finish, with high spliced heel—10-cent ones, for 5 cents

Wash Goods

(In Basement.)

Seven hundred and fifty pieces of new Wash Fabrics. Calicoes for covering comforts, Drapery Cretonne and Fleece-lined Serges in dress and wrapper styles, all priced for quick selling.

100 pieces of new Robes Calicoes for comforts, worth in regular way 8 1-2c a yard, for 6½ cents

150 pieces of new Drapery Cretonne, worth regularly 10c a yard, for 7½ cents

500 pieces of Fleece-Lined Serges, in dress and wrapper styles, at 7½c a yard

New Dolls

(In Basement.)

Wednesday we will show thousands of our new importation of fine Dolls—particularly undressed—in order to secure first and best choice

Buy Your Dolls Early.

Take plenty of time to dress them for the holidays.

Dolls Hospital—Have your hurt dolls repaired.

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October Styles
Just Received

Clothing for Boys

(Third Floor.)

Boys' Neckwear—worth 25 cents, for 5 cents

Boys' Odd Vests—plain and fancy colors—for fall and winter wear—(sizes 3 to 20 years)—worth up to \$1.00, for 15 cents

Boys' All-Wool Suits—two-piece, double-breasted jacket and pants—new fall goods—the pants are all made with double seat and knees (sizes 6 to 15 years)—\$3.00 Suits for \$1.95

Boys' strictly all-wool knee Pants in all sizes—new fall styles, made with double seat and knees—sold elsewhere for 75c and \$1.00, for 50 cents

Boys' New Fall Golf Caps, all silk lined—35-cent ones for 19 cents

Boys' Sweaters of pure lamb's wool—in all the college colors—worth \$1.45, for 95 cents

Notions and Soaps

(In Basement.)

Large Cakes of Toilet Soap, Windsor, Palm, Turkish Bath and Elder Flower—worth 5c a cake, for 2c a cake

Cocoon Soap, large square cakes, wrapped—worth 10c a cake, for 3 cents

Powdered Lye for housework, cleanses sinks, etc.—worth 5 cents, for 2 cents

Velvet Skirt Binding—colors only—25c values—4 and 5 yards for 5 cents

Brush Skirt Binding—colors only—5-yard pieces—worth 25 cents, for 5 cents

200-yard spools of Sewing Cotton Thread—black or white—18c a dozen—3 for 5 cents

Hair Pins, straight or crimped wire—worth 3c a paper, for one cent

Dress Shields—Stockinet or Nainsook—worth 15 cents, for 5c a pair

Black Rubber Dressing Combs—were 19 cents, for 5 cents

B. NUGENT & BRO. DRY GOODS CO., BROADWAY, WASHINGTON AVENUE AND ST. CHARLES STREET.

HOW TO SPEND \$6000 FOR BOOKS

Mrs. Kate Chopin, Authoress, Advises Rose Marion

She Would Buy the Best
Works From Shakespeare
Down and Let Young
Readers Select for Them-
selves.

BY ROSE MARION.

In the name of the boys and girls of St. Louis, I made a journey yesterday. Not a journey of miles, but one of moment. Playing that I, too, were one of the children of St. Louis, I went to ask Mrs. Kate Chopin, authoress, of 3317 Morgan street, what books she would advise buying with the \$6000 that the St. Louis school board is going to spend for supplementary reading.

Not that the school board has, as yet, made known a desire for such knowledge. But the best of us occasionally like suggestions. Six thousand dollars is a great lot of money, and it will buy many books. However, there are books and books—old and new, books that you can't attempt to read, then "all right" books that almost read themselves.

Persons who buy supplementary reading matter are so prone to buy sugar-coated things in the literary line—literary is scarcely the word, although many of them make pretensions. Books that pretend to tell a story, and then when you get fairly interested in their plot you find that it is only a sneaking way of getting you to read a lot of facts about natural philosophy, physical geography, history or something else you don't want to bother with unless you are actually studying.

THE BAD TASTE IS THERE.

Did anyone—a teacher, perhaps, who wasn't exactly to blame because she didn't buy the book herself—ever try to palm such a book off upon you, hoping that you would get interested? Do you remember even now the feeling that was yours when you found out the condition of things? Something like the way you feel after reading a patent medicine advertisement when you thought that it was an interesting story. Something like tasting the quinine in the bread and preserves that your mother used to give you when you had chills and fever.

St. Louis children are scarcely in danger of having their \$6000 spent for such books. Not at least if the opinion of Mrs. Chopin is given any attention. Were she to buy the books this would be her way:

"I should buy the best writings of the American and English authors," she said, "adapting my selections to the ages of the pupils who are to read the books. Then I should let the children choose for themselves. I should select good books, but I should not think of compelling any child to read the books I had chosen. Of course, it would be difficult to select books that would be pleasing and at the same time good for all children. Some books of some writers could be taken and some could not."

Before quoting Mrs. Chopin further I decided that it would hardly be well to exclude all stories of adventure from the books chosen for supplementary reading. She thought that there might be a place for Conan Doyle and writers of his class.

Dickens is one of Mrs. Chopin's favorites. Still she said that she had noticed that there were some children that could not read his books with any pleasure what-



Mrs. KATE CHOPIN.

a character the depth of which is only greatered by the ability of its owner to look at the surface of most things, principally troubles.

A PLACE FOR THRILLING STORIES.

In that conversation we talked of the books we read in our childhood. Mrs. Chopin read much of Scott and Fielding. She also read many other books that would hardly go with the classics.

So did I. Neither of us could say that we actually regretted reading the thrilling detective stories or the impossible accounts of young women who suddenly became princesses. For this reason Mrs. Chopin decided that it would hardly be well to exclude all stories of adventure from the books chosen for supplementary reading.

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CHEAP EXCURSION.

PEORIA AND RETURN \$2.25.

Saturday, Sept. 13th,

Via Chicago & Alton Ry.

Tickets good going on train leaving St. Louis at 12:02 noon, Saturday, Sept. 13, and good returning on train leaving Peoria, Ill., Sunday, Sept. 14, 1902. Ticket offices: Sixth and Olive and Union Station.

ever. She also said that she admired Dickens because of his wonderful imagination and good humor, but not his pathos. From talking of Dickens in this way we took a sudden turn to the children's stories that she had written, but still they could hardly be given to children.

"Suppose you take Mary E. Wilkins," she said, "and the 'Bonnie Blue' stories that she has written, but still they could hardly be given to children."

"The same is true of George W. Cable," she went on. "I like his early stories, his 'Old Creole Days' and the 'Bonnie Blue' stories, but I have not as yet been able to quite understand what he means by that book 'The Cavalier'. How could a child understand that?"

"The style of Robert Louis Stevenson is good, but I have never been able to read him to any extent. Perhaps there may be young folks who can."

"As to Hamlet, I think I think his 'Main Traveled Road' is made of gems, still the man is entirely too serious. Don't you know I feel sorry for folks that are entirely without a sense of humor? You wonder what is the matter with them and suddenly you discover that they are a little too incapable of seeing a joke."

"Mrs. Dean Howells—well, I don't know whether children would read his books or not. Of course, most of them are love stories, but that of itself is not an objection, even the Youth's Companion publishes love stories."

"But Hawthorne's writings are picturesque, but they are melodramatic. Sarah Orne Jewett's books I should come to."

"I don't know how they would keep Mark Twain's books out. The children would read them anyhow, whether they were given to them or not. I have a daughter who has read 'Tom Sawyer' and 'Huckleberry Finn'."

Going back to the question in hand, we stopped long enough to talk of one book without thinking of its position on the shelves of the supplementary reading library—"The House with the Green Shutters" by John Galsworthy. It is one of the best of the late books. She can scarcely believe, however, that the writer of it is an Englishman—it is so full of humor.

"Looking the important question straight in the face Mrs. Chopin said finally: 'In my opinion, though I am scarcely a woman of opinions, the best way would be to buy the best books from Blackie's works down to those of the present time. The children would choose for themselves. I should select good books, but I should not think of compelling any child to read the books I had chosen. Of course, it would be difficult to select books that would be pleasing and at the same time good for all children. Some books of some writers could be taken and some could not.'"

And I, who represented girls, felt much pleased.

PREACHER SHED WIFE'S BLOOD

for Remission of Sin.

CUT HER THROAT WITH RAZOR

INTERPRETATION OF PASSAGE
MADE HIM A DEMON.

When Neighbors Gathered in Response
to Servant Girl's Warning, Aged
Minister Quickly Disappeared in a Forest.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
GENOA, W. Va., Sept. 14.—"Without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of sin," read the Rev. Morris Wilson. He had read his Bible often, but it is thought he never saw the passage before, as the reading had amazingly disagreeable results, for straightaway he began to shed blood.

It is fortunate that he never saw the declaration, for the is no telling what he might have done.

His 30-year-old wife was asleep in bed nearby, so he began on her. She was mortally wounded by his drawing the razor across her throat, blood spurting from ear to ear.

The revolting affair was no doubt enacted while the aged woman was asleep, but this will never be known, as there was no one in the house at the time save a servant girl, who was asleep in an adjoining room. She says she heard no shouting, but was awakened by noise almost demon-like, caused by the aged parson reading from his Bible.

On the bed, her face covered with blood, lay the prostrate form of the aged parson's wife, her head almost severed from her body.

The old parson was reading from the ninth chapter of Hebrews, and he was verse, and he continued repeating in tones of exaltation the words: "Without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of sin."

The girl immediately screamed and running in her night clothing to the home of a neighbor gave the alarm. Soon twenty or more persons of the village gathered. The old man was found calmly walking from the house, and he was separated. "The Lord's will be done, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Neighbors Were

Dismayed.
So dumfounded were the neighbors that they did not notice the parson's departure, and a few minutes later, when searched for he could not be found. He probably went direct to the heavy wood and is in the rear of the little town and no doubt is in hiding. He must soon surrender, as he is no feeble old man, and he is impossible.

Mr. Wilson was for years a minister of the Baptist Church in this region, and he has frequently filled the leading pulpits of the state. For many years he and his wife have been living a retired life here and were among the most highly respected citizens of the community.

A great religious fever has been sweeping through the community of late, and Mr. Wilson has taken a deep interest in the progress of the work. It is believed that his constant reading of the Bible at an advanced age caused a derangement of his mind and the crime of this morning was doubt committed while in a fit of religious frenzy. He had three times been married, but with his last wife was seemingly never clouded.

THE HEN WAS HOOKED.

Story of the Boys, the Dog and the Tempting Worm.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Sept. 7.—It was the horse that was scared by the dog that chased the hen that grabbed the worm that squirmed on the hook that Jack baited that made more trouble over in the Pontiac district in Pittsfield Sunday than a whole drove of one-time and an end of the horse. An inquisitive hen had broken loose again. Because the hen was tempted by the worm with a handle on a fishhook and stood the pole and she broke away, but was captured before doing any damage.

When the showman came up two owners of horses who had been driving went to a shed for protection from the sun. So did a couple of boys who had been fishing, and contrary to the usual custom of the boys had about all the enjoyment that was going around. They had pulled up their fishing tackle hurriedly and stood the poles in the shed while the bait was still in the hooks. An inquisitive hen came along and noted one of the worms hanging temptingly in mid-air. She made a dash at it and there was something happened in a fraction of a second, for the hen was hooked.

Her cries attracted the attention of the boys and they went to the shed and saw the hen flapping and finally striking it down the road as fast as she could drive the pole after her. In the midst of the chase she made a grab for the worm, and in the next sharp point of one of the other hooks in her mouth. Seemingly thinking that she was to blame she set out on her own, but she was hooked again. Only the boy who had been fishing, however, thought the hen just then had troubles of her own. The hooker thought the hen was hooked, and he went to the shed and started on a wild run, but he was captured before he was well started.

The horse owners and boys gave their attention to the dog and hen and after some time the hen was taken out, but it was a more difficult job to separate the hen and the hook which she had taken with her. The job was finally accomplished and it is better than an even wager that she was more careful for a time as to what she considered good practice material for her teeth.

The horse owners and boys were primarily responsible for the hubbub, but did not take the matter as seriously as did the horse owners and announced that they will see if there are any more foolish hens in the Pontiac section.

GAME PIETY IN MAINE.

More Deer and Moose Than Have Been Known for Years.

RANGOON, Me., Sept. 7.—Big game has increased wonderfully of late. A game warden, who has just returned from a four-week tour of the mountains, reports that there are more deer and moose than ever before in his experience, and very large numbers of both.

In his entire tour of 300 miles, however, Mr. Lowry saw only one moose, and he is quite sure that there are more. He has completely deserted Maine, however, and is now in the state capital, where he is a member of the legislature. He is a game warden, and very active in his work, and it is thought that the deer and moose have gone far north toward Labrador.

Indian Runner Suspended.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The registration of the Metropolitan Association of Professional Athletes, consisting of John Smith, M. J. McGraw, and others, had a long and bitter fight with the league, and it is thought that the league will be suspended for a time, in violation of the rules of the association.

WEDNESDAY

THIS IS THE DAY on Which
We Give Special Mid-Week
Bargains in Every Department.

\$3.00 Black Skirt Patterns at 9 A. M.

For One-half Hour.

140 Skirt Patterns 55-inch Black All-Wool Melton Cloth, worth \$1.00 per yard. These are extra heavy for unlined skirts. For half hour Wednesday, 3 yards for \$1.25.

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ROOSEVELT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Greeted by 10,000 Persons
in City of Asheville.

ESCORT OF EX-CONFEDERATE

SCHOOL CHILDREN SING THE
HYMN "AMERICA."

**And Thronged With People Who
Came to Hear the President
Speak.**

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 2.—Ashoville extended a warm greeting to President Roosevelt today. Fully 10,000 people coupled the courthouse square, where

provided stand. The special train arrived here at 9:30 o'clock, schedule time.

and the run from there to Asheville the morning was uneventful. A short stop was made at Marshall, the home of Senator Pritchard, where a large number of people had assembled. The President's speech

At Asheville he was met by a reception committee of which Charles McNamee was chairman. Mayor Miller, Senator P. I. Ward and Congressman Moody were among those who greeted the President, the members of the committee being introduced to the President in his car by Senator P. I. Ward.

At Battery Park the school children were assembled on the lawn and sang "America" as the party passed. President Roosevelt stood in his carriage, bareheaded. The city was elaborately decorated and hundreds of people had come in from the country to greet the President. When the party reached the White House, the President

SON ENJOINS HIS MOTHER

**A Restraining Order to Prevent N
Sophia Wright From Selling**

Edwin Wright applied for and obtained Tuesday an injunction against his mother, Mrs. Sophia Wright, to restrain her from selling her property on Fairfax avenue, which he has built a house.

A temporary injunction was granted Judge Zachritz. A bond of \$3000 was given by Wright.

Wright stated in his petition that in his opinion the property was his.

4566, and that by her permission he built a house on the lot. The agreement was that he should lease the lot during his mother's life and own it after she died.

At the time of the purchase, the property was in what was known as Fran place subdivision.

REPUBLICAN VOTE DECLIN

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 9.—The election yesterday resulted in the re-election of John F. Hill, Republican, as governor.

His plurality was about 24,000, over less than it was two years ago. The vote, however, was light.

Democrats made small gains all over the state, according to the claims of the Democratic committee, but only Republicans were el

MEYER GRADEMILITARY STORE

BROADWAY & WASHINGTON

SITUATIONS WANTED-KENNA

30 Words or Less, 5 Cents.

SITUATION wanted by well-recommended, licensed nurse in comfortable cases; city references; 11 day. 8152 Sheridan.

MAN-Lady physician having a few hours' time wants canvassing for drug company company. Ad. H 123, Post-Dispatch.

WOMEN-SITUATION wanted to go out in suitcases; hand sewing, embroidering, quilting; 1718 Mississippi av.

LADIES-Sit. wanted by young lady 18 years old to start on a small salary. Iowa at.

an; cook, housemaid or day work; answer
evening. Ad. Morrison, 14 Targee st.

Respectable lady will work one day
week for furnished basement where ab-
le to work. 3637A Eason.

Sit. wanted by young woman for house
or laundry work by the day. Call at
1477 1/2 E. 12th.

LADY—Wanted position in doctor's office
day work. Ad. H 147. Post-Dispatch.

GRAPHER—Position wanted by thoroughly
skilled and experienced stenographer; Ram-
pangator; best of reference. Ad. H 179,
Ensign.

Sit. wanted by colored woman to wash
and to rels. answer at once. 2615A Le-
gion.

Light colored lady wants situation in
office or care for gentlemen's apart-
ment Fairfax.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

14 Accounts or Less, 10 Cents. 15 Announcements, 10 Cents Per Line.	HOUSE WORK
PIE WANTED —In dry goods store, 1427 S. 3rd st.	HOUSE WORK
GIRLS WANTED —Experienced. Par. N. 3rd st.	HOUSE WORK
WOMEN WANTED —Young men of good appearance, permanent position, with salary, by applying to Dr. Robinson, suite 602, 1001 Broadway.	HOUSE WORK
WOMEN WANTED —A chambermaid, do general housework, between 8th and 10th, on Pine.	HOUSE WORK
WOMEN WANTED —German or Sweds, girl to do general housework in family of two; must be experienced. 1212 1/2 1st st.	HOUSE WORK
WOMEN WANTED —Good colored cook and laundress. 434 Olive st.	HOUSE WORK
WOMEN WANTED —Experienced girl for cleaning in family of two. Good pay. 117 1/2 Belmont st.	HOUSE WORK
WOMEN WANTED —Girl to cook, do general housework and assist with washing. Ap. 1001 1/2 1st st.	HOUSE WORK

COOK WANTED—Experienced girl to cook

with work; no washing or ironing; good clothes; 1000 Franklin st. 1000	HOUSE- work
DISHWASHER WANTED-For lunch squire at bar, 2301 Market st.	HOUSE- work
WANTED-White cook and housewif; must be experienced; 700 Washington st.	HOUSE- work
WANTED-First-class butler-cook for house, 1711 Market st.	HOUSE- work
WANTED-Competent cook, 1030 Park 5860 Cook, on Maple; Suburban or Orlin	HOUSE- work
WANTED-Experienced cook; at one Washington av.	HOUSE- work
WANTED-Girl wanted to play cards at Locust st.	HOUSE- work
WANTED-Experienced girl for general housework; no laundry; family; wages \$20. 4540 Fountain st.	HOUSE- work
WANTED-and waitress. 1010 N. Broad-	HOUSE- work
WANTED-White girl to do plain cooking	HOUSE- work

and housework; stay at night; good home.
Cook av.

WANTED—German girl to assist in cooking household; family of three; no children; good wages. 2345 Park av.	WORK work
WANTED—Woman to cook and help with housework. Good wages. West Chicago, Ill.	HOUSE- work cleans house
WANTED—Girl to cook and help with housework. Good wages. West Chicago, Ill.	HOUSE- work
WANTED—Woman to assist in cooking. We married couple nicely furnished room and board. Good wages. Write to Mrs. J. H. Smith, 1618 W. 9th St., Chicago, Ill.	HOUSE- work work
WANTED—\$10 per 1000 copying letter sent to us, paper free; two stamps guaranteed. Illinois Industrial Union, Desk No. 17, 100 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.	HOUSE- work work
BACKERS WANTED—Experienced. Packers, 16th and Morgan sts.	HOUSE- work house
DRUMMERS—Gess's Bismuth Powder, best quality. Write to Gess & Co., 100 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.	HOUSE- work house
DROOM GIRL WANTED—Experienced. \$100 at once; good wages. 2221 Olive St., Chicago, Ill.	HOUSE- work for co
GIRL AT WANTED—2638 Franklin	

DINING ROOM GIRL WANTED—At Thorn's

BOY N High st.
 WANTED—Female dishwasher at
 kitchen. 1514 Washington st.
 WANTED—For restaurant. 1514
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 WANTED—Good dishwasher and
 kitchen. 1510 Washington
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 WANTED—Good female dishwasher,
 4th st.
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 Washington st.
 WANTED—Must be good cutter
 For furniture address Mrs. Elm
 St., De Soto, Ill.
 De Soto, Mo. C. & P. B. Co., 208 Elm
 St.
 WANTED—Young girl in store; \$1.50 per
 week.
 WANTED—Girl with experience in
 printing and finishing. Solveig, Pho-
 1717 Franklin.

store. Dan Forrestal, 3889 Folsom av.

NTED-Experienced, to sew on custom	HOUSE
2427 Olive st.	work
NTED-Grand girl for dressmaker;	HOUSE
near Washington	work
WY WANTED-Wife experience at	HOUSE
feeding. 4315 North Market st.	work
NTED-Neat apprentice girl; must	HOUSE
to sew. Room 47 Linmar building,	work
near Washington	work
NTED-Smart girls in the stitchery	HOUSE
houses and table girls; will-ners to learn	work
and sewing. Mrs. Brown Shoo Co., Jef-	work
erson Randolph.	work
NTED-25 experienced girls to pack	HOUSE
on orders need apply. Manewal-	work
son, 1000 N. Main st.	work
NTED-Girls, over 15 years old, to	HOUSE
sew. N. Main st.	work
NTED-Girls for dining room work. 2000	HOUSE
	work

GIRLS WANTED—Girls from 14 to 18 for factory work. A. Geisel Mfg. Co. 24 and Clark.

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HORSES AND VEHICLES

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THIS IS THE AGE
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BREAD.

GREAT CAPITAL INVESTED

Edison and Elihu Thompson Have So
Far Led All Others in Number
of Patents Granted.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The age of electricity is here. A review of the development of the electrical industry in the form of a census bulletin prepared by Thomas Commerford Martin, just issued, shows growth in invention and industry as applied to transportation, illumination, transmission of speech and of power that is nothing less than astounding. Moreover, it hints of new discoveries and improvements that promise to make a still more marvelous record. In this connection, Edison, who has taken place during the latter half of the past decade, and even within the past two years, so great is the growth, as astonishing the variety of new devices, that even as the historian writes, his story becomes antiquated as compared with the improvement that takes place while he has been in press. He notes the production of 200,000 tons of copper electrolytically during 1901, that he can now more than half of the discards whereby aluminum, calcium carbide, carbonyl, sodium, graphite and hydrocarbons and chemicals are produced. He notes that 2,000 horse power of electrical energy is now used at Niagara Falls in the production of chemicals and reducing metals.

The value of electrical products manufactured in 1900 was \$1,348,889. The total capital invested in the manufacture of electrical apparatus and appliances was \$8,130,943. The industry is in its mere infancy. In the seven branches of electrical railways, lighting, telegraph, telephone, motive power, generation and signaling, 17,329 patents have been issued in the past 25 years. During the four and a half years from 1898 to June 1900, 60 fewer than 600 patents were taken out. The most prolific inventors, according to the number of patents issued, were Thomas A. Edison, with 711 patents, and Elihu Thompson, with 394, up to 1895.

It Costs

More Than Bread.

The average annual expenditure for electricity, in one form or another, is \$7 per capita. Of this amount \$1.25 per head represents the demand for electric apparatus and supplies; \$2 per head for traction; electric lighting, \$1.50; telephone service, 75 cents; telegraph, fire alarm, etc., 50 cents. These values are steadily increasing. The people, in short, pay as much now for electricity as for bread.

The turning point of electrical development was, of course, the substitution of the dynamo for the battery. The relative cost of electric power from the dynamo, as compared with the battery, is as 50 cents to 1. The possibility of electric energy through the dynamo are in still greater proportion over the restricted scope of the battery. The average power of dynamo has risen to 75 horse power. The largest dynamo are at Niagara, where 100,000 horse power is developed in a single machine.

Electric power transmission is another development of the past five or six years, generally speaking. The cost of transmission has decreased from one-half to one-sixth of the total power used in manufacturing. In fact, this water power has been turned into electrical power and transmitted long distances. The transmission of the energy of Niagara is in fact factories; much of it is used to propel street cars at Niagara Falls, Tonawanda and Buffalo, as well as for lighting, etc. The longest power transmission in the world is in California, from the Sierras to San Francisco, a distance of 200 miles. The power is used along the route for mines, lights, street cars, motors, sewing machines, hoists and dozens of other uses.

Horse Cars

Wined Out.

In 1890 there was 1262 miles of electric railway tracks, and 2365 cars. In 1900 there were 50,658 cars, and the number of miles of track had increased to 17,968. Cable cars decreased in number, and horse cars were nearly wiped out.

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He Found the Water Fresh.

From the New York Tribune.

"There is no food like an old fool, except an educated one," said a New England philosopher. With him James H. Porter of San Francisco is ready to agree. He came to tell the story of the Hoffman House because one one else had told a tale of a skilled waiter, found no silver, and reported back unfavorably to his company. The company said the mine of a song, and the man uneducated individual who bought it made a million working it for copper. "Once another man and I started a warden in a town near the sea," he said, "and being told that the water which flowed by the mill was so near the sea that it was salt, we thought that the quantity of water needed in the factory from the lower plant. Our bill for the first month was enormous. I went to the water board and objected. They told me that they had me 'on the hip,' and wouldn't come down on their rates. Going back, the mill looked sadly at the river. Suddenly a thought struck me. I got a bucket, and I took it into the river, pulled it up and tasted it. It was fresh. I pointed up my partner and told him to kick me. He did."

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